

THE ACTS OF THE RISEN JESUS

Acts 1:1-3

- The **continuing** work of Acts rests on the finished work of Jesus.
- The risen Jesus is **active** and **continuing** His work today
- The **resurrection** and **enthronement** of Jesus grounded the apostles' bold witness—and still grounds ours today.
- The risen King advances God's **kingdom** through Spirit-empowered witnesses, turning the world upside-down.



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When have you experienced your life being “turned upside down,” either painfully or joyfully? How did that event disrupt your life and rearrange your priorities or sense of direction?
2. Read Acts 1:1–3. What stands out to you in Luke’s opening words? What do these verses show us about Jesus, Acts, and the mission of the church?
3. The sermon said, “The continuing work of Acts rests on the finished work of Jesus.” Why is it important that Luke begins Acts by pointing back to what Jesus already accomplished? How would your daily life change if you began with what Jesus has done before thinking about what you have to do?
4. Acts 1:1 says Luke wrote about all that Jesus “began to do and teach.” What does that imply about the book of Acts? Where do you need to be reminded that Jesus is active and continuing His work today?
5. Where are you tempted to mistake Jesus’ invisibility for His inactivity, or to think Jesus is absent because you cannot yet see what He is doing?
6. Read Acts 1:3. How does the resurrection and enthronement of Jesus ground our boldness? How is that an encouragement to you? What fears most often keep you from speaking about Jesus?
7. Acts 1:3 says Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God. What is the kingdom of God? Is it already here, or is it something we look forward to?
8. Acts 17:6 says the early Christians were accused of “turning the world upside down.” In what area of your life would the kingship of Jesus feel most disruptive right now? Who in your life needs Jesus to turn their world upside down? Take time to pray for Spirit-empowered boldness to witness to King Jesus this week.

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle